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In re Application of

Hiroshi TANAKA, et al.

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For: IMAGE INFORMATION OBTAINING METHOD, IMAGE INFORMATION TRANSMITTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE INFORMATION TRANSMITTING SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, and prior to evaluation, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Independent claims 1, 8, 17, 24, 29, 36, and 45 are amended for clarity.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.